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CBSE-XII

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eNgLiSh **03**
Sample Paper

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

1. The Question Paper contains **THREE** sections-READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION-A
(Reading Skills)

(20 Marks)

I. Read the passage given below:

(10 marks)

- (1) It's not 'cool' to be fat, but that has not prevented an obesity epidemic from occurring among America's youth. Childhood obesity increased from 5% in 1964 to about 13% in 1994. Today, it is about 20% and rising. Children, on an average, spend up to five to six hours a day in sedentary activities like watching television, using the computer and playing video games, which is partly to blame for this escalating rate. Perhaps, it wouldn't matter if they were sufficiently active at other times, but most of them aren't. To make matters worse, children are bombarded with TV ads from fast food chains and other purveyors of high fat, high sugar meals and snacks. These highly effective advertising campaigns, combined with a physically inactive lifestyle, have produced a generation of kids who are at high risk of obesity-associated medical conditions.
- (2) The major health threat is the early development of Type 2 diabetes (adult onset), particularly in children with a family history of disease. Doctors are reporting a surge in young adolescents developing Type 2 diabetes which can lead to heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney disease, stroke, limb amputations and blindness. People who develop diabetes in adolescence face a diminished quality of life and shortened life span, particularly if the disease progresses untreated. It's a scary prospect for our children, but, in many cases, obesity and diabetes are preventable.
- (3) When children are spending most of their free time sitting in front of televisions and computers, they are not outside running, jumping or engaging in team sports that would keep their weight down. Parents need to set limits on the time their children are engaged in passive activities.
- (4) Pediatricians recommend restricting children to one to two hours per day on TV and computers combined – though older children may need additional time for learning activities. Parental involvement remains the most important key to our children's healthy diets. Programmes to educate parents about nutrition are essential. Fast foods should be consumed only in moderation. Caregivers, who are often busy and harried, must avoid the temptation to whisk their kids into fast-food restaurants or to pick up fast food for dinner at home. Changing eating habits and lifestyles is not easy, but the health benefit for our children is a wonderful payoff for parents willing to take on the task.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

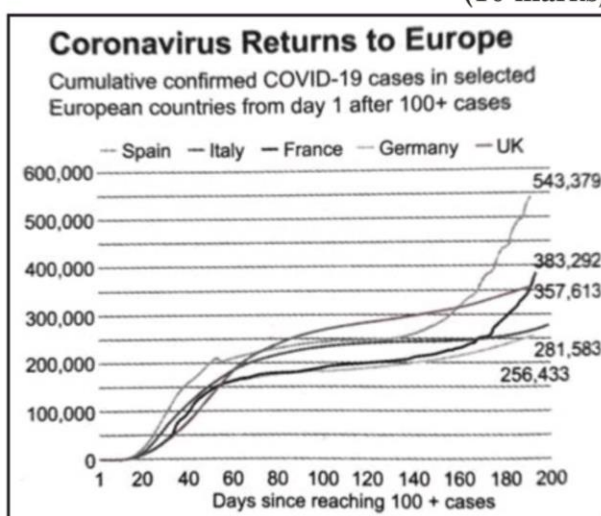
(1×10= 10 marks)

- (i) One of the major reasons behind obesity among children is _____.
 (a) studying (b) playing indoor games
 (c) their sedentary lifestyle (d) eating fast foods
- (ii) Comment on the early development of Type 2 diabetes found in children.
- (iii) List the two ways by which children can put their weight down.
- (iv) Find the antonym of the word 'untroubled' in the passage.
 (a) moderation (b) harried
 (c) payoff (d) surge
- (v) The writer would not agree with which of the given statements, based on paragraph 3.
 (a) Children are very active in outdoor games.
 (b) Children spend maximum time in TV and computer.
 (c) Parents have to fix time.
 (d) Outdoor activities help children to loose weight.
- (vi) Based on the given passage, write one major reason for diabetes among children.
- (vii) How are advertisements responsible for obesity associated medical problems?
- (viii) Type 2 diabetes can lead to _____.
- (ix) Diabetes can be treated through:
 (a) Outdoor activities (b) Avoiding fast food
 (c) Changing eating habits (d) All of these
- (x) Select the most suitable title for the given passage.
 (a) Obesity and Diabetes (b) Diabetes – Symptoms and Cure
 (c) Sedentary Lifestyle (d) Diabetic Patients

II. Read the passage given below:

(10 marks)

- (1) Western European countries, which had successfully flattened the curve of COVID-19 infections, are experiencing a surge of new cases. As European children return to their reopened schools this week, governments are still grappling with multiple second waves of the virus and tightening coronavirus-related restrictions to avoid having to resort to more radical measures. According to numbers by Johns Hopkins University, cases are growing quite rapidly again in Spain and France, where total case numbers of 5,40,000 and 3,80,000, respectively, have been surpassed. Germany, Italy and UK have also visibly departed from a flat trajectory.



- (2) Spain entered the top ten of the most-affected countries in the world once more and is currently in rank 9 for total cases and ranks 10 for cases relative to population. France has the 13th most confirmed coronavirus cases worldwide, while UK counted the fifth-most deaths. Infections have passed 6.3 million stateside.
- (3) Worrying spikes in cases reported on Thursday in France, Italy, Spain and Germany showed the pandemic was rebounding across the continent, often due to travel, summer holidays and parties.
- (4) While Italy registered 845 new cases on Thursday, its highest daily tally since May, France reported 4,700 fresh infections – a massive increase on the previous day. Spain's daily increases topped even those of France, and Germany was concerned about its own resurgence.
- (5) Despite the rise in cases, a top World Health Organization official said additional lockdowns should not be necessary. "With the basic nationwide and additional targeted measures, we are in a much better position to stamp out these localized virus flare-ups," the head of the WHO's European branch, Hans Kluge, told reporters. "We can manage the virus and keep the economy running and an education system in operation," he added.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

(1×10=10 marks)

- (i) The researchers believe that coronavirus returned to Europe. They have confirmed 3,57,613 new cases recorded in UK.
True – if the statement agrees with the information
False – if the statement contradicts the information
Not Given – if there is no information given on this
- (ii) Support your answer to prove why the Western European countries were experiencing new COVID-19 cases?
- (iii) Which country has 5,43,379 confirmed number of COVID-19 cases?
 (a) Italy (b) Spain
 (c) Germany (d) France
- (iv) Name the country with the most known infections and deaths, which is once again pointing upwards.
- (v) What did the World Health Organization say despite the rise in cases?
 (a) That additional lockdown should not be necessary
 (b) That is due to the reopening of schools
 (c) That additional lockdown is necessary
 (d) Both (b) and (c)
- (vi) What is the rank of Spain in terms of the total number of cases?
 (a) 9 (b) 10
 (c) 11 (d) 13
- (vii) Why was WHO not in favour of additional lockdown? (Give one reason)
- (viii) Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE, according to the passage?
 (a) France has the 13th most confirmed coronavirus cases worldwide.
 (b) Spain was concerned about its own resurgence.

- (c) Spain ranks 10 per cases relative to population.
- (d) Western European countries are experiencing a surge of new cases.
- (ix) What was reported on Thursday in France, Italy, Spain and Germany about the pandemic?
 - (a) That the pandemic was rebounding across the continent
 - (b) That additional lockdown is not necessary
 - (c) That it is due to re-opening of the schools
 - (d) That the cases have been surpassed
- (x) State a point to challenge the given statement.
Spain has controlled the return of Coronavirus.

SECTION-B **(20 Marks)**
(Creative Writing Skills)

III. 1. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B of the following:

- (A) You are Sanjay/Sanjana, Head Boy/Head Girl of Sunlight Foundation School, Saharanpur. Write a notice about a debate competition to be held in the school on the topic 'Foreign Films are Not Relevant to Indian Culture'. Invent necessary details and complete your notice within 50 words. **(5 marks)**

OR

- (B) While walking in the park of your colony, you found a small briefcase with some documents and cash. Write a notice, in about 50 words, to be put up on the colony's notice board, asking the owner to identify and collect it from you. You are Rajat/Rani of 12/4, Metro Colony, Surat. **(5 marks)**

2. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B of the following:

- (A) Christ King College, Lalitpur, is celebrating its Annual Prize Day and wants to invite the parents and other guests to the occasion. Draft an invitation card for the same, in about 50 words. Invent necessary details. **(5 marks)**

OR

- (B) You are Ranjit/Rani Chopra, a celebrated short story writer. You have been invited to Sunshine Public School to judge the event of English Elocution. Draft a formal acceptance of the invitation, in about 50 words, addressing it to the Principal. **(5 marks)**

3. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B of the following:

- (A) You are Wasim/Wahisa of New Ashok Colony, Agra. The main road leading to the colony is in a very bad condition with potholes and open manholes. To add to the woes, there is no street light that makes the matter worse at night. Write a letter, in 120-150 words, to the editor of the Times of India, Agra drawing attention of the concerned authorities to the problem and to seek immediate remedial action. **(5 marks)**

OR

- (B) You are Suraj/Sohana. You came across the following advertisement in a national daily. You consider yourself suitable and eligible for the post. Write an application,

in 120-150 words, in response to the advertisement.

(5 marks)

Applicants are invited for the post of a nursery teacher in a reputable school of north west Delhi. The candidate must have at least 5 years of experience teaching tiny tots. The applicant must have good command over English and be well versed in computer. He/She should be innovative and creative. Attractive salary. Interested candidates should apply to the Principal, Ramnarayan International School, Ghaziabad, within 10 days with detailed resume.

4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B of the following:

- (A) Recently, you got a chance to participate in a week-long workshop on 'Energy Conservation'. By the end of the workshop, you were much enlightened about the need and ways of conserving energy. Write an article, in 120-150 words, titled 'Energy Conservation: the Need of the Hour'. You are Amrit/Annie of Sarvodaya Vidyalaya No. 1, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.

(5 marks)

OR

- (B) You are Gargi Pandey, a reporter with 'India Today'. You recently witnessed cases of human trafficking on websites. Write a report, in about 120-150 words, about the same for your magazine.

(5 marks)

SECTION-C
(Literature)

(40 Marks)

IV. Read the given extracts to attempt the questions with reference to context.

(1×6=6 marks)

1. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

- (A) It would be an exotic moment
Without rush, without engines,
We would all be together
In a sudden strangeness.

- (i) How will everyone feel at the exotic moment?
(a) blissful (b) sorrowful
(c) repentant (d) elated
- (ii) What does 'it' signify in the first line?
(a) the surroundings (b) total stillness
(c) being in the nature's lap (d) all of these
- (iii) The exotic moment, according to the poet, is _____
(a) exciting activity
(b) total inactivity
(c) beautiful moment of thoughtful silence
(d) when language barriers are removed
- (iv) Identify the poetic device used in the 2nd line of the stanza.
- (v) Complete the following analogy.
It: period of quietude : We : _____ .
- (vi) Identify the name of the poem and the poet.

OR

- (B) The polished traffic passed with a mind ahead
 Or if ever aside a moment, then out of sorts
 At having the landscape marred with the artless paint
 Of signs that with N turned wrong and S turned wrong.....

- (i) The polished traffic in particular refers to the:
 (a) sophisticated city dwellers in their vehicles.
 (b) shiny cars that the poet sees on the road
 (c) extremely affluent people living in the neighbourhood
 (d) civilized manner in which traffic is coordinated.

- (ii) 'The urban and educated people have their minds ahead.'

Choose the option suggesting the correct meaning behind this line.

1. The people are well-educated and knowledgeable about the condition of the poor.
2. The people are concentrating on the road that is ahead in order to drive safely.
3. The people are preoccupied only by the thoughts of their lives and nothing else.
4. The people are focused on their goal of bettering the country.

- (a) Option (1) (b) Option (2)
 (c) Option (3) (d) Option (4)

- (iii) What do the urban rich feel about the S and N signs that have been painted wrong?

- (a) Tolerant (b) Amused
 (c) Sympathetic (d) Annoyed

- (iv) The poetic device used in 'polished traffic' is _____.

- (v) What do N and S stand for in the given stanza?

- (vi) The passers-by find the sign artless but the landscape _____.

- (a) animated (b) aesthetic
 (c) amusing (d) ancient

2. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given. (1×4=4)

- (A) Now Sadao remembered the wound, and with his expert fingers he began to search for it. Blood flowed freshly at his touch. On the right side of his lower back Sadao saw that a gun wound had been reopened. The flesh was blackened with powder. Sometime, not many days ago, the man had been shot and had not been tended. It was bad chance that the rock had struck the wound. Oh, how he is bleeding!" Hana whispered again in a solemn voice. The mists screened them now completely, and at this time of day no one came by. The fishermen had gone home and even the chance beachcombers would have considered the day at an end.

- (i) Whose flesh was blackened?
- (ii) The man had been shot because he was _____.
 (a) a prisoner of war (b) an enemy
 (c) a whiteman (d) both (a) and (c)
- (iii) 'Screened' here means _____.
 (a) enveloped (b) spread upon
 (c) covered (d) all of these
- (iv) Complete the following analogy.
 Search : Probe : _____ : Mumbled

OR

(B) DERRY: Not in a fire. I got acid all down that side of my face, and it burned it all away. It ate my face up. It ate me up. And now it's like this, and it won't ever be any different.

- (i) How was Derry's face burnt?
 (a) By fire (b) By acid
 (c) By chemical (d) None of these
- (ii) "It won't ever be any different". What is referred to as 'it' here?
 (a) Crab apple (b) Leg
 (c) Face (d) Acid
- (iii) Derry has _____ attitude towards life.
- (iv) 'It ate me up', here refers to _____.

3. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

(1×6=6)

(A) And then, strangely there was light. I was coming out of the awful yellow water. At least my eyes were. My nose was almost out too. Then I started down a third time. I sucked for air and got water. The yellowish light was going out. Then all effort ceased. I relaxed. Even my legs felt limp; and a blackness swept over my brain. It wiped out fear; it wiped out terror. There was no more panic. It was quiet and peaceful. Nothing to be afraid of. This is nice... to be drowsy... to go to sleep... no need to jump... too tired to jump... it's nice to be carried gently... to float along in space... tender arms around me... tender arms like Mother's... now I must go to sleep... I crossed to oblivion, and the curtain of life fell.

- (i) The efforts ceased because the narrator had _____.
 (a) become tired (b) given up hope
 (c) lost consciousness (d) won the battle
- (ii) The fear being referred to here is _____.
- (iii) "I was coming out of the awful yellow water." Where is 'I' in the given statement?
 (a) Lake Wentworth (b) New Hampshire
 (c) Triggs Island (d) YMCA pool
- (iv) The outcome of this experience was _____.
 (a) terror of water (b) aversion of water
 (c) fear of water (d) all of these

- (v) Why was there no more terror?
(vi) Whose curtain of life fell? Did it really happen?

OR

(B) Maybe I give the impression of doing many things. But in the end, I am convinced I am always doing the same thing And then I have a secret. Did you know what will happen if you eliminate the empty spaces from the universe, eliminate the empty spaces in all the atoms? The universe will become as big as my fist. Similarly, we have a lot of empty spaces in our lives. I call them interstices. Say you are coming over to my place. You are in an elevator and while you are coming up, I am waiting for you. This is an interstice, an empty space. I work in empty spaces.

- (i) Which one of the following may NOT be an appropriate title to the above extract?
- "The Empty Spaces of Umberto Eco"
 - "I am always doing the same thing".
 - "Eco's Echoes"
 - "Umberto Eco—Mr. Prolific!"
- (ii) "I work in empty spaces". Choose the option that most accurately captures Eco's idea of empty spaces.
- management of time
 - organisation of space
 - philosophical inclination
 - command of thought
- Options (1) and (2)
 - Options (3) and (4)
 - Options (1) and (3)
 - Options (2) and (4)
- (iii) Read the questions given below. Imagine they were interjections raised by the interviewer based on the above extract. Choose the option that correctly describes the given questions.
- If you are 'always doing the same thing', isn't your work lacking in originality?
 - Could you elaborate in these larger ethical, philosophical interests that inform your work?
 - All writing happens in empty spaces. In fact, why don't you tell all about my experiences?
- (1) is not relevant; (2) is appropriate; and (3) is unnecessary
 - (1) is appropriate; (2) is repetitive; and (3) is useful information
 - (1) is inappropriate; (2) is relevant; and (3) is not relevant
 - (1) is unnecessary; (2) is intrusive; and (3) is extrapolatory
- (iv) Doing many things here refers to _____.
- (v) What is the secret of the narrator?
- (vi) Find the word from the extract which means the opposite of 'obtain'.

V. Answer ANY FIVE of the following in about 40-50 words each: (5×2=10)

- Why did the poet suppress her pain in the presence of her mother at the airport?
- Why is 'grandeur' associated with the 'mighty dead'?
- Why was the peddler surprised when he knocked at the door of Crofter's cottage?
- What did Gandhiji do for social and cultural upliftment of the people of Champaran?

- (v) Why did Jansie discourage Sophie from having dream?
(vi) Why was the English poet, who visited Gemini Studios, as baffled as his audience?

VI. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. (2×2=4)

- (i) Why was the Maharaja once in danger of losing his Kingdom?
(ii) Why is Antarctica the place to go to understand the Earth's present, past and future?
(iii) Why did Zitkala-Sa not want her hair to be cut short?

VII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words. (1×5=5)

- (i) Edla's empathetic and compassionate behaviour changed the life of the rattrap seller. Do you think that an act of kindness can change a person's view of the world?

OR

- (ii) Maintaining a balance between one's fantasies and real world is the key to the survival. Give your opinion on Sophie's character in the light of the given statement. Justify with reference to the chapter 'Going Places'.

VIII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words. (1×5=5)

- (i) Good human values are far above any other value system. How did Dr Sadao succeed as a doctor as well as a patriot?

OR

- (ii) Knowing too much of your future is never a good thing as it may open a way to disaster. Justify with reference to the episodes of the Tiger King.

III

Answers

SECTION-A (Reading Skills)

(20 Marks)

- I.** (i) (c) their sedentary lifestyle
(ii) Early development of Type 2 diabetes in children occurs due to the family history this disease which a major health threat for the children.
(iii) The children can put their weight down by running, jumping and engaging themselves in outdoor activities.
(iv) (b) harried
(v) (a) Children are very active in outdoor games.
(vi) One major reason for diabetes among children is their lifestyle as they are not indulging in any kind of outdoor activities.
(vii) Children are bombarded with TV ads which tempt them for fast food and high sugar meals and snacks. These highly effective advertisements are responsible for obesity associated medical problems in children.
(viii) heart disease, high BP and kidney disease.
(ix) (d) All of these
(x) (b) Diabetes – Symptoms and Cure
- II.** (i) (a) True
(ii) (b) Western European countries were experiencing new COVID-19 cases because of summer holidays, travel and parties.
(iii) (b) Spain
(iv) UK
(v) (a) That additional lockdown should not be necessary
(vi) (a) 9
(vii) WHO was not in favour of additional lockdown to keep the economy and education system running.
(viii) (b) Spain was concerned about its own resurgence.
(ix) (a) That the pandemic was rebounding across the continent
(x) Spain entered the top ten of the most-affected countries in the world once more and is currently in rank 9 for total cases.

SECTION-B
(Creative Writing Skills)

(20 Marks)

III. 1. (A)

SUNLIGHT FOUNDATION SCHOOL, SAHARANPUR

NOTICE

04 March, 20XX

DEBATE COMPETITION

This is to inform all the students that our school is going to organize a debate contest in the school premises on the topic 'Foreign Film are Not Relevant to Indian Culture.'

Venue: School Auditorium

Date: 15th March

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Those who are interested can register their names to the undersigned by 8th March, 20XX. The final list of the participants will be displayed on the notice board by 12th March, 20XX.

For any queries, please contact the undersigned.

Sanjay

Head Boy

OR

(B)

METRO COLONY, SURAT

NOTICE

04 March, 20XX

A BRIEFCASE FOUND!

All the residents of the Metro Colony are hereby informed that a small briefcase with some documents and cash has been found in the park. Whoever has lost it, can collect it from the undersigned by giving the specific details about the lost item.

Rajat

12/4, Metro Colony

2. (A)

The Principal, Teachers, Staff and Students

Of

CHRIST KING COLLEGE, LALITPUR

Solicit your benign presence

on the special occasion of

ANNUAL PRIZE DAY

on

Friday, 10th May, 20XX

at

College Auditorium

from

6:00 p.m. onwards

Mr. Rajat Pathak, DC, has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest and give away the prizes to the students.

R.S.V.P.

Principal

Christ King College, Lalitpur

Ph. No. 9479XXXXXX

OR

(B)

To

The Principal

Sunshine Public School

New Delhi

Dear Sir,

Subject: Acceptance of Invitation

I feel honoured to receive your kind invitation to preside over as a judge at the event of English Elocution to be held in your school. I confirm my acceptance for the same and will make sure that I am present there at the scheduled date and time.

Yours sincerely

Rani Chopra

3. (A)

New Ashok Colony

Agra

10 May, 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India

Agra

Subject: Expressing concern over potholes and manholes

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to draw the kind attention of the concerned authorities towards the pitiable condition of the main road leading to the colony. It is in a very bad condition with potholes and open manholes. These manholes are an open invitation to accidents and further other injuries and loss.

To add more to the miseries, there is no street light as well which makes the matter worse, especially at night. It makes our life quite unsafe. During rainy days and winters, the residents have to face a lot of problems. People are afraid of coming out of their homes. We have requested to the Municipal Corporation Department (MCD) a number of times, but so far, no action has been taken.

With this letter, I urge the MCD to take immediate and prompt action to avoid any future mishap.

Yours sincerely

Wasim

OR

(B) B – 6, Fort Road

Agra

20 May, 20XX

The Principal

Ramnarayan International School

Ghaziabad

Subject: Application for the post of nursery teacher

Sir/Madam,

This is with reference to the advertisement published in The Hindu dated 15 May, 20XX. I hereby wish to apply for the post of nursery teacher in your reputable school.

I wish to point out that I have an experience of more than five years of handling tiny tots. I am fluent in English and well versed in computer. I can arrange cultural and other co-scholastic programmes as well.

If given an opportunity, I can prove my potential. Please find enclosed my bio-data and testimonials for your reference.

Yours sincerely

Suraj

BIO-DATA

Name : Suraj
Date of Birth : 20 – 09 – 1995
Address : B – 62, Ford Road, Agra
Mobile No. : 9896XXXXXX
Marital Status : Married
Educational Qualification : B.Sc. , B.Ed.
Working Experience : 5 years with Tender Touch Public School, Agra
Salary : Negotiable
References : (1) Father Michael Mathew
Principal, Tender Touch Public School, Agra
(2) Mr P. Thakur
HOD, English Department, TTPS, Agra

4. (A) **Energy Conservation : The Need of the Hour**

-By Amrit

Someone has rightly said, “Switch off a light and ward off load-shedding”, but people of our nation do not bother about such good thoughts. They keep on misusing energy forgetting that our energy consumption is responsible for creating a lot of pressure on our ecosystem. Certainly, energy conservation has become the need of the hour. We know our day-to-day life runs on electricity. Be it fans, lights, televisions, escalators, vehicles on roads or water supply to our homes, each and everything requires energy.

The energy on Earth is not in unlimited supply. Furthermore, energy can take plenty of time to regenerate. This certainly makes it essential to conserve energy. India has grown into one of the most powerful developing nations over the years and the rapid development and advancement has made today’s human slave to machines and our over dependence on these machines need energy and it also needs its conservation, so that we can keep pace with our lifestyle in future too. So if we don’t start thinking now, our future may be very dark.

In last few decades, consumption has been multiplied but its production is not in proportion to our need, so the only option to change our attitude towards its misuse and conserve energy to protect the environment. In conclusion, energy conservation must be among the utmost priorities of humanity. Mahatma Gandhi was absolutely right when he said, “the earth provides enough to satisfy every man’s needs but not

every man's greed". This statement pretty much sums up the importance of energy conservation.

OR

(B) **Human Trafficking – Shame on humanity**

-By Gargi Pandey

New Delhi, 16 March, 20XX: Recently, a few cases of human trafficking have been reported in the city. It has become a global problem affecting people of all ages, especially women and girls. Across the country, a total of 2,189 cases of human trafficking has been registered.

Every year, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked globally for diverse reasons. Human trafficking in the form of sexual exploitation, organ selling, imposition of cheap work in the form of forced labour is very common these days. Women and girls are usually trafficked for sexual exploitation and forced marriage. Men and boys are usually trafficked for the purpose of labour or to sell the body organs. Children and women are the victims of this social stigma.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has taken a number of measures to prevent and counter human trafficking in the country. These include the setting up of 225 specialised anti-human trafficking units across the country, sensitization programmes for police and training of prosecutors.

SECTION-C
(Literature)

(40 Marks)

- IV. 1. (A) (i) (a) blissful
(ii) (b) total stillness
(iii) (c) beautiful moment of thoughtful silence
(iv) Repetition has been used in the 2nd line of the stanza.
(v) human beings
(vi) Poem: Keeping Quiet, Poet: Pablo Neruda

OR

1. (B) (i) (a) sophisticated city dwellers in their vehicles.
(ii) (c) Option (3)
(iii) (d) Annoyed
(iv) Transferred epithet
(v) N stands for North and S stands for South
(vi) (b) Repetition
2. (A) (i) The white prisoner of war's flesh was blackened.
(ii) (d) Both (a) and (c)
(iii) (d) All of these
(iv) Whispered

OR

2. (B)(i) (b) By acid
 - (ii) (c) Face
 - (iii) negative/pessimistic
 - (iv) to the acid that burnt his face
3. (A)(i) (c) lost consciousness
 - (ii) drowning
 - (iii) (c) YMCA pool
 - (iv) (d) all of these
 - (v) There was no more terror because the narrator became unconscious.
 - (vi) The narrator's curtain of life fell. No, it didn't happen in reality as he was rescued.

OR

3. (B)(i) (a) "The Empty Spaces of Umberto Eco"
 - (ii) (c) Options (1) and (3)
 - (iii) (c) (1) is inappropriate; (2) is relevant; and (3) is not relevant
 - (iv) working as a professor in weekdays, writing novels on Sundays, and composing something in intervals.
 - (v) Working in the empty spaces is the secret of the narrator.
 - (vi) Eliminate
- V. (i) At the airport, the poet feels fearful of leaving her pale, ageing mother alone and unattended. She has an ache and fear inside her heart and is not sure if she will be able to see her mother again. She hides her feelings of anxiety by giving a long and cheerful smile to her mother as she bids her adieu.
- (ii) 'Grandeur' is associated with the 'mighty dead' because their noble and extraordinary deeds inspire us. They have left behind the beautiful legacy of their brave acts. Their selfless sacrifice for their nation and deeds for the welfare of mankind still continue to inspire us.
- (iii) Peddler became habitual of receiving very cold reception from people in general. He was being treated very harshly and rudely, but the old crofter gave him a very warm reception. The crofter not only shared his cottage, food and bed but also shared his secrets. His hospitality surprised the peddler.
- (iv) Gandhiji not only abolished sharecropping system but also uplifted a number of social and cultural backwardness. He invited teachers and doctors to volunteer themselves to teach them about sanitation, health issues and other needed things. He worked for the total upliftment of the poor peasants of Champaran.
- (v) Jansie did not approve Sophie's dream because she was more practical and realistic. She knew that they both came from a lower economic background and it was likely that they would end up working at the biscuit factory. So Jansie, being a true friend, kept on discouraging her and guiding her to be realistic and practical.
- (vi) When the English poet visited Gemini Studios, his British accent defeated any attempt to understand what he was saying. His lecture lasted an hour but it left the

audience confused as no one knew what he was talking about. The poet himself was baffled as he felt the strangeness of his talk.

- VI.** (i) Once, a high-ranking British officer visited Pratibandapuram. He was very fond of hunting tigers and being photographed with them. However, the Maharaja refused to give him permission to hunt tigers because he feared that other British officers too would turn up with the same request. It was because of his refusal that the Maharaja stood in danger of losing his kingdom.
- (ii) To know the impact of human's callous action on the planet, Antarctica is the right place to go as there is no life except huge variety of flora and fauna. It holds in its ice-core, half million year old carbon record and thus, provides clues for our past, present and future.
- (iii) Zitkala-Sa belonged to a Native American warrior tribe and they had the tradition to keep long and heavy hair. They considered short hair to be associated with mourners or cowards, so she was completely against her hair to be cut short and protested wildly.
- VII.** (i) An act of kindness does change a person's perspective and nature as well as his view of the world. The peddler had been living a despicable life of poverty, despair and frustration. Everywhere he went, he was not welcomed and had the fear of being caught. No one was there in his life who would love him. Edla's hospitality and kindness deeply touched him. He never expected such kind treatment, being a stranger to Edla. It was her generosity which made the peddler confess his mistake and repay for his wrong doings by behaving like a real captain. He left rattrap as a Christmas gift for her and wrote a letter of thanks leaving behind the stolen money. This way, he redeemed himself from a thief to a real captain and emerged altogether as a transformed person.

OR

- (ii) Fantasy always takes one away from the real world. It is a temporary refuge. Sophie an adolescent/teenager belongs to the poor socio-economic background. Her real world forces her to remain in the fantasy world. She always takes imaginary flight where she often wants to remain. Her world is full of glamour and sophistication. She is unable to balance between real and fantasy world. For her brother Geoff, she desires to be in his world, the places where he goes, the people he meets, she wants to experience it all too. Not only this, she fantasises about the famous footballer prodigy Danny Casey and tries to prove her meeting with him to be a real one. No one believes her and she suffers badly as it only gives her disappointment. So for survival, it is must for one to maintain a balance between fantasy and reality.
- VIII.** (i) Dr Sadao had a harmonious blending of his profession and patriotism in him though he suffered from a dilemma and acted more as a doctor, after he encountered Tom, the American prisoner of war. Nationalism was ingrained in Dr Sadao and that made him return home to serve his country and marry a Japanese as his father wished him to. His own experience in America had been unpleasant because of a racial bias. However, when he found a wounded prisoner of war, he put his duty foremost. Even though he knew he could be prosecuted for this, he saved Tom's life twice. For

a short period, he was conflicted and even confided into the General, but when he figured that the General may not be sending his assassins, he decided to put Tom on a boat, with food and clothing, to row to a little island nearby and wait patiently to board a Korean fishing boat to escape. Things happened as planned, leaving Dr Sadao in a state of bewilderment as to why he saved the life of an American enemy. Perhaps, it is the doctor who dominated the patriot in him.

OR

- (ii) I agree with the given statement as knowing too much of our future is never a good thing. It may bring out disastrous effect. If we know about our long life, we may go to any length for materialistic possession and other personal advantages. As per the fiction 'The Tiger King', the prediction turned out to be fatal for the mute innocent tigers who were killed mercilessly only for the personal defence. Since the astrologer had predicted Jilani Jung's death from tiger, the Maharaja decided to kill tigers to defend himself at the cost of their lives. He started a tiger hunt campaign and emptied his forests. Then he married and wiped out the tigers from his father-in-law's forest too. His hunger did not get satiated and he kept on searching the 100th tiger but ultimately became a victim of his own foolishness and got killed by a wooden tiger. The massacre of 100 tigers took place only because the Maharaja knew about his future. So future must be kept hidden as its outcome may be very unexpected and disastrous too.

III